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there are in the Library of the Antiquarian Society scarce books which give particular accounts of the Indians of Nonantum, from which fuller notices may be obtained for the Society's Collections.

The meeting was dissolved.*

QUARTERLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1818.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Jan. 29, 1818, — the members present were, Clap, Davis, Eliot, Freeman, Hedge, Holmes, Pierce, Popkin, Palmer, Saltonstall, Savage, Tudor, Jr., Winthrop, and Winthrop.

Judge WINTHROP in the chair.

The proceedings of the last meeting were read.

Ballots being brought in on nominations, it appeared that FRANCIS C. GRAY, Esq., Hon. JOHN PICKERING, and Mr. NATHANIEL G. SNELLING were chosen Resident Members, and PETER S. DU PONCEAU, Esq., of Philadelphia, a Corresponding Member, of the Society.

Mr. CLAP, a member, presented Blake's "Annals of Dorchester," which he had copied from the original manuscript for the Society.†

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be given to Mr. Clap for his very meritorious services.

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* Charles Bulfinch, Esq., elected a Resident Member in October, 1801, is said to have removed to Washington in December, 1817; yet his name is on a list of Resident Members published in 3 Collections, I. 287, in 1825. — EDS.

† This historical narrative was published by the Dorchester Antiquarian and Historical Society, in 1846, as No. II. of their Collections. — EDS.

The Librarian gave notice that Mrs. Scott had deposited in the Library eight volumes in manuscript of "Minutes of the Doings in Congress and several of the Provinces, from Sept. 5, 1774, to Oct. 26, 1774." *

Voted, Thanks to Mrs. Scott for the confidence she has manifested in the Society by making this deposit, and that the Librarian be

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* The donor was Mrs. Dorothy (Quincy) Scott, formerly the wife of John Hancock, to whom these volumes once belonged. There are but seven volumes, and the description given in the record applies only to the contents of the first volume, which is a thin book, and less than sixty pages written in it. At the time the books were given, there was written on the inside the cover the date they were received, Nov. 13, 1817, and a description of each volume, as follows: —

"No. 1. Minutes of the Doings in Congress and in several of the Provinces, from Sept. 5, 1774, to Oct. 26, 1774."

These dates cover the period of the session of the American Congress in 1774, and the minutes seem to be the record of the Congress, without including the more voluminous papers. The last page is mostly in the handwriting of Charles Thomson, the Secretary, and bears his signature. The name of Thomas Cushing is written on the fly-leaf. He was one of the delegates to the Congress from Massachusetts, and the manuscript may be a transcript of the original records, procured by him to be shown to the patriots in Massachusetts on his return. The minutes of the Congress of 1774 were printed in that year, at Philadelphia, entitled, "Journal of the Proceedings of the Congress held at Philadelphia, Sept. 5, 1774."

"No. 2. General Washington's Appointment and Instructions; Letters; Doings of Congress; from 17th June, 1775, to 16th March, 1776.

"No. 3. Public Letters to and from sundry Persons, from 28th June, 1775, to 7th February, 1776.

"No. 4. Letters from John Hancock, President of Congress, from 15th September, 1775, to 22d July, 1776.

"No. 5. Letters from General Washington and others, from 22d April to 30th June, 1776.

"No. 6. Letters from John Hancock, President of Congress, from 24th July, 1776, to 27th October, 1777.

"No. 7. Letters from John Hancock, Esq., Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, from 7th November, 1780, to 13th March, 1782."

It will be seen that Nos. 4, 6, and 7 are the Letter-books of John Hancock; and Nos. 2, 3, and 5 are letters and minutes which he caused to be transcribed for him from the originals. Our associate, the Hon. Richard Frothingham, called the attention of the Society to these volumes, in December, 1875, and remarked that an examination of the volumes had led him to believe that the letters had all been printed. — Eds.

directed to place them by themselves in the Library, with a distinguishing mark.

Communications were made by the Corresponding Secretary, and by several of the members, of donations made to the Library and Cabinet.

William Trumbull Williams, Esq., of Connecticut, was nominated by Judge Davis as a Corresponding Member.

Meeting dissolved.

ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL, 1818.

At the stated quarterly meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, April 30, 1818, — the members present were, Bradford, Clap, Davis, Eliot, Hedge, Holmes, Kirkland, Lowell, Pierce, Quincy, Savage, Tudor, Sen., Webster, Winthrop, and Winthrop.

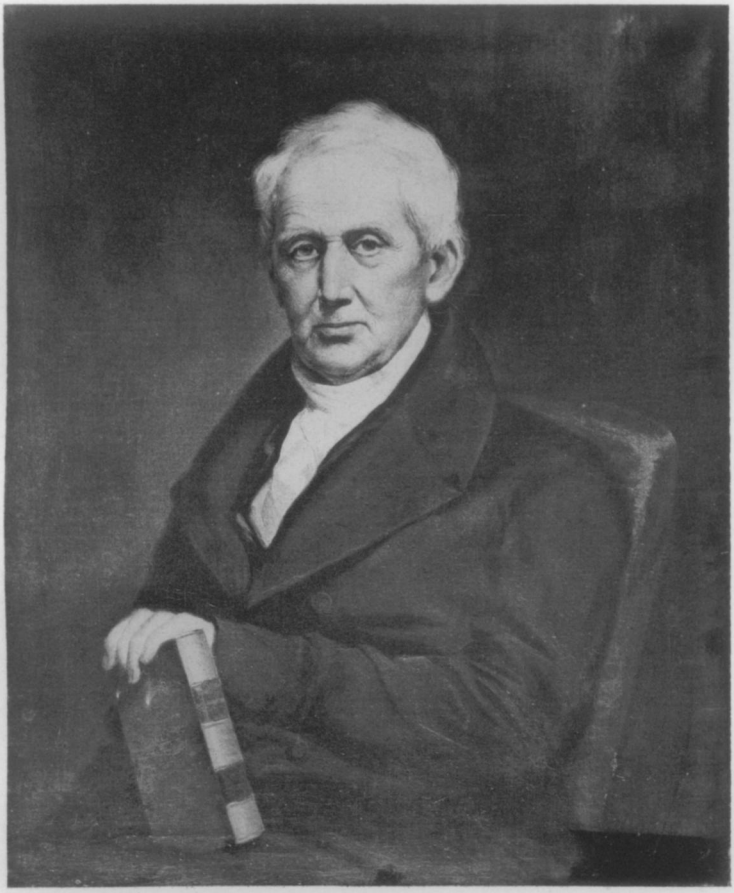
Judge WINTHROP in the chair.

WILLIAM TRUMBULL WILLIAMS, Esq., was chosen a Corresponding Member.

A letter was read from the Hon. Mr. Gore, communicating his intention of retiring from the office of President of the Society. Whereupon,

Voted, That the Massachusetts Historical Society have received with great regret the letter of the Hon. Christopher Gore, communicating his resignation of the office of President of this Society, and that the Hon. John Davis be requested to communicate to the Hon. Mr. Gore the high sense entertained by this Society of the services rendered by him to this institution in that capacity, and their best wishes for the restoration of his health and a long continuance of his distinguished usefulness.

The Society proceeded to the choice of officers for the ensuing year.



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Hon. JOHN DAVIS	was chosen	President.
CHARLES LOWELL	„	Recording Secretary.
ABIEL HOLMES, D.D.	„	Corresponding Secretary.
Hon. JOSIAH QUINCY	„	Treasurer.
Mr. NATHANIEL G. SNELLING	„	Librarian.
REDFORD WEBSTER, Esq. . .	„	Cabinet-Keeper.
Judge WINTHROP Rev. Dr. FREEMAN T. L. WINTHROP, Esq. Rev. JOHN PIERCE JAMES SAVAGE, Esq.	. . .	were chosen Standing Committee.

Dr. Holmes, Alden Bradford, Esq., Mr. Savage, and Mr. Clap were chosen a committee to prepare and publish the next volume of the Collections.

Redford Webster, Esq., and T. L. Winthrop, Esq., a committee to examine the Treasurer's accounts.

Voted, That Professor Hedge be requested to prepare a memoir on the late Professor McKean for the Collections.*

Voted, That Dr. Holmes be requested to prepare a memoir on the late Caleb Gannett, Esq.†

Voted, To present the seventh and eighth volumes of the second series of the Collections to the widow of Dr. McKean.

Hon. Nahum Mitchell was nominated by the Committee a Resident Member.

Dr. Holmes having informed the Society that they were in possession of a catalogue of the New England Library;

Voted, That the Librarian be requested to insert by themselves, in that catalogue, the books lately procured from the Library for the Society.

Meeting dissolved.

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* Professor McKean died on the 17th March, 1818. Professor Hedge's sketch of his life and character is in 2 Collections, VIII. 157–167. — Eds.

† Rev. Caleb Gannett died on the 25th April, 1818. Dr. Holmes's memoir of him is in 2 Collections, VIII. 277–285. — Eds.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a stated meeting of the Historical Society, Aug. 25, 1818, — the members present were, Bartlett, G. Bradford, Davis, Eliot, Gray, Harris, Holmes, Lowell, Popkin, Quincy, Savage, Snelling, Tucker, Tudor, Sen., Webster, and J. Winthrop.

Several communications, historical and topographical, were made by the Corresponding Secretary, and were referred to the Publishing Committee.

The Committee on the Treasurer's accounts made the following report: —

APRIL 29, 1818.

The subscribers, a Committee appointed by the Historical Society to examine the accounts of Josiah Quincy, their Treasurer, having examined them, find them right cast and well vouched, and that there is remaining in the hands of their said Treasurer the sum of forty-one dollars and three cents.

(Signed) REDFORD WEBSTER.
T. L. WINTHROP.

A manuscript volume of Thomas Danforth, formerly Deputy-Governor of Massachusetts, which had been transcribed by James C. Merrill, Esq., was communicated by Mr. SAVAGE, and was referred to the Publishing Committee.*

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be given to James Cushing Merrill, Esq., for his attention and diligence in copying the manuscript for the Society.

* The hitherto unpublished parts of this volume were printed in 2 Collections, VIII. 47–112. — EDS.

Votes having been brought in for a Resident Member in nomination, it appeared that Hon. NAHUM MITCHELL was unanimously chosen a Resident Member of the Society. Dr. HARRIS and Dr. POPKIN were the Scrutinizing Committee.

Voted, That the President of the Society be requested to present a copy of the Collections to the Law Library, for the use of the students at law in Harvard University.

The Standing Committee were requested to prepare a list of the individuals and institutions to whom it would be expedient to transmit the Collections, and report to the Society.

Application having been made by Hews & Goss, printers, for the loan of three or four volumes of newspapers, for the purpose of republishing certain articles contained in them;

Voted, That the Librarian be authorized to loan the said volumes, one at a time, taking a receipt for the same, and not delivering another volume till the one already lent is returned uninjured.

The President, Mr. QUINCY, and Mr. SAVAGE were appointed a committee to investigate the title this Society has, in connection with the Boston Library Society, in the land under the Society's room, and report in writing at an adjourned meeting.

Mr. SAVAGE and the Librarian were appointed a committee to dispose by sale of twelve sets of the Historical Collections, having reference in the sale as well to the extended diffusion of the copies as to the interest of the Society.

Meeting adjourned to Thursday, the 10th of September, at twelve o'clock.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

At an adjourned meeting of the Historical Society, Sept. 10, 1818, — Mr. Savage acted as Secretary during a part of the meeting.

A report put in writing was made, on the interest which the Society has in its tenement, concluding that we have no right to the soil other than a passage way over it. The business was referred back to the same Committee, with instructions to endeavor to procure the fee of the land.

Voted, That a committee be authorized and directed to confer with the proprietors of the Boston Library, and the occupants of houses contiguous to the building, and to make such repairs as may be thought necessary, a due proportion of the expense being sustained by all interested in such repairs.

The first part of this vote, relating to the conference, was referred to the Committee for obtaining the fee of the land; the last part, to Dr. Webster.

Dr. Dexter and Mr. Gray were appointed a committee to raise subscriptions to aid in repairing the roof.

Voted, That a set of the Collections be presented to the Transylvania University, Lexington, Kentucky.

Meeting dissolved.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Historical Society, Oct. 29, 1818, — Dr. Harris was Secretary of the meeting, in the absence of the Recording Secretary.

The Committee on repairs reported verbally the progress of the object of their appointment towards its accomplishment; that the Trustees of the Boston Library Society expressed a willingness to pay half of the expenses; and that a subscription paper was in circulation to collect assistance in behalf of this Society.

Voted, That the Librarian be requested to have the pamphlets now sorted and in bundles bound.

Voted, That the President be desired, in the name of the Society, to make application to Elisha Hutchinson, Esq., of Birmingham, and other descendants and representatives of the late Thomas Hutchinson, Esq., formerly Governor of Massachusetts Bay, to obtain the continuation or unpublished part of his History; and to express the sense of the Society on the great value of that work, and the desire of the community on this side of the Atlantic to enjoy the complete labors of that distinguished antiquary.

Benjamin R. Nichols, Esq., was nominated a Resident Member.

Meeting dissolved.*

QUARTERLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1819.

At a meeting of the Historical Society, Jan. 28, 1819, — the members present were, Allen, A. Bradford, Clap, Davis, Dexter, Eliot, Freeman, Gray, Hedge, Holmes, Lowell, Palmer, Pierce, Popkin, Quincy, Savage, Shaw,

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* In a list of members of the Society, prefixed to Vol. I., fourth series, of the Collections, 1852, John Langdon Sullivan, A.M., M.D., elected a member in 1801, is put down as having removed from the State in 1818. In a list published in 1825, his name is inserted as a member, but it is omitted from subsequent lists. Mr. Sullivan was a son of Governor James Sullivan, and lived for many years in New York, where he practised as a physician. He subsequently returned to Boston, where he died Feb. 10, 1865, aged eighty-eight years. See notice of him in Drake's American Biography. — EDS.